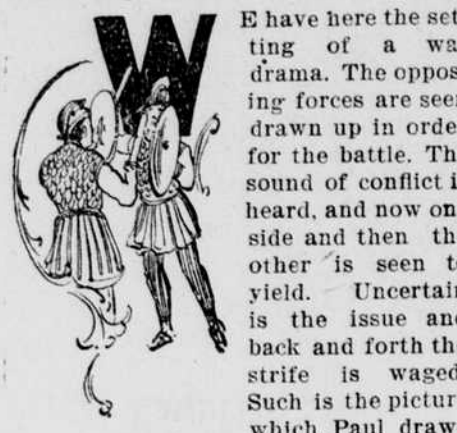


The Warfare With Self

Sermon by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

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Chicago, Sunday, Dec. 11, 1904.
Text: "Walk by the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would."—Gal. 5:16-17.



WE have here the setting of a war drama. The opposing forces are seen drawn up in order for the battle. The sound of conflict is heard, and now one side and then the other is seen to yield. Uncertain is the issue and back and forth the strife is waged. Such is the picture which Paul draws in our text. The flesh warring against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh. The one at eternal enmity with the other. It is the inner conflict, the place where the most desperate warfare man may know is bitterly and relentlessly carried on. The heart is the battleground. The flesh, the physical life, with all its natural desires and tendencies, is on one side with Self enthroned as ruler and captain. The Soul, with its capacity for God, is on the other with the Spirit enlisted as its captain. Between these two, the Self and the Soul, there are irreconcilable differences, for the one is contrary to the other. If Self rules supreme, the Soul suffers. If Self is to gain the supremacy, it must do so at the sacrifice of Self and the flesh. There cannot be any compromise, no alliance, no truce between the two. It must be conflict from start to finish, if the Soul is to develop and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the seventh chapter of Romans we see Paul waging the bitter warfare, and crying out as the powerful enemy, Self, deals hard blows and wins victory over the Soul: "Oh, wretched man, that I am! Who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?" But the victory comes as he learns to fight in Christ's strength, and to abide in His presence, for He exclaims, in answer to the question he has just propounded: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." So then we have for our consideration, first, Self enthroned, and the Soul enslaved; second, the Soul's awakening; third, the Soul's enemy revealed; fourth, the conflict; and fifth, victory and its reward.

SELF ENTHRONED.—The natural man wants a king to rule over his life who will please and gratify the desires, the aspirations, the tendencies of the flesh. Man naturally covets freedom of action in all that pertains to this life. He wants no restrictions thrown about his life which will restrict his intercourse with the world, or indulgence in the pleasures, luxuries and ambitions of life. This desire of Self to rule manifested itself in the very beginning when Adam and Eve reached forth the hand and took of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and Self ever since that fateful day has aspired to kingship over the life and has struggled to maintain its sovereignty. The natural man has but one king, and that is Self, and the Soul is kept in bondage. He is given liberties only which will not endanger Self or restrict him in the realization and enjoyment of that which he desires. Self is a materialist. He refuses to believe anything except that which he can see, and feel and handle. He centers his joys and hopes and desires in this life, and bids the Soul join in the "eating, the drinking and the merrymaking, for tomorrow we die." Self is willing to concede everything else but the throne to the Soul. If it may but reign supreme Self is willing and anxious to gratify the longings and aspirations of the Soul. Self is a clever diplomat and he negotiates terms and dictates policies which seem to meet the higher demands of the Soul, but which do not in any way imperil Self's dominion over the life. Self wants to rule and Self does rule in some form or another, unless the Soul has been aroused to a sense of its rights, and its possibilities in Christ Jesus.

THE SOUL'S AWAKENING.—Every man has within himself, in the inner self which is called the Soul, a capacity for God. The multitude of religions which claim their followers throughout the world, from the remote regions where savagery reigns to the lands where civilization has wrought her highest arts, attest the fact that man is seeking after something to gratify and satisfy this yearning of the Soul. But capacity for God is not possession of God. Because I feel towards God, does not prove that I have God as an inner and satisfying portion. The Soul is kept in the dark even while it is longing for something which it has not. The Spirit of God is striving with man, trying to lead him to the light. The promise of Jesus was that "when He the Spirit of truth is come, He shall guide you into all the truth. He will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The Spirit is the voice of God in the Soul seeking to turn man to God and make him throw off the yoke of Self. My friend, you have heard God's message; down deep in your heart you know that God wants you to surrender Self and let the Soul expand under the possession of God. But you will not! The convicting work of God's Spirit has been felt. You know what you ought to do, but Self argues with you. He draws before you a picture of all you will have to give up. He uses all the sinner and

dark hues he can find. He tries to so distort and twist the truth that you will turn from the voice of God and the pleading of the Soul. Self fears in the presence of God. He wants not that God should rule over your life. He himself wants to be its only master. And how long is the struggle sometimes! How grievous is the process before man will yield and receive God's gift of eternal life. Dear friend, out of Christ, fight no longer against God. Let God's work of grace be wrought in you! Let your Soul be awakened by the touch of the Spirit!

THE SOUL'S ENEMY REVEALED.—The dweller in the valley has a narrow vision. He can see the familiar objects which surround his dwelling, but he cannot take in the extent of verdant fields and woodland which stretch off in the distance. He is too nearly on a level with that which he wishes to see. But let him clamber up the mountain side until he gains a vantage point way up above the fruitful and beautiful valley, and behold the whole scene is spread out before him like a great panorama. So it is with man. From man's level let him view man and his vision is limited. He can see man only in his nearer aspect. He cannot see him as God does. But let him rise on the wings of the quickened soul to the mountain top of God's presence, and he will then find a new picture spreading itself before him. It has been said that man's greatest enemy is self. But how few really realize or believe it. And yet it is true, and if man will only let God touch his eyes and open them so that he may see clearly, he will realize that the natural man is at enmity with God. He will begin to understand what is implied in our text when it says: "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other." And until Self is revealed as the enemy of the Soul, it cannot be expected that man will seek to bring it into subjection. This is the reason so many Christians live on such a low sensual plane. This is the reason why they argue themselves into the belief that many wrongs, pleasures and indulgences are right. They have not yet sighted the enemy. They have not yet let God reveal to them that the thing that must be overcome first is the natural man and the desires of the flesh.

THE CONFLICT.—It is the duty of an army when at war to discover the enemy, and when discovered to engage the foe in battle. To refuse to give battle is traitorous and invites disaster. It means that the foe will dictate terms and bring the cowardly army into subjection. The Soul must give battle to the forces which would curtail its liberties and bring it into subjection. It need not know defeat. It may have glorious victory in Christ Jesus if it will fight in His name and with His strength. How strong the will of the flesh and the desires of the flesh are can only be realized as one struggles against them, and seeks to overcome them. The Christian who knows no struggle in his inner life, who makes no fight against the flesh, with its appetites and lusts, is living on a very low plane. The Soul is being ruled by Self. God demands a different attitude and condition from His children. "We must fight, if we would reign." Conflict is the order of life for the Christian. He cannot escape it. From the moment that he accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin, he must fight against sin in its manifold forms within and without. Paul in our text is not preaching a doctrine of asceticism. He does not mean to imply that every joy and pleasure which can be experienced in this life are sinful. He does not mean that the Christian is to be gloomy, and to frown upon every good thing in life. He does not mean that, for there is no good thing which God would withhold from His children, but he does mean that Self should not rule, that a higher desire and purpose should rule the life than the mere fleshly desires and appetites. It must no longer be "what I want," but "what God wants for me." This brings the strife. Here is where the conflict begins. It is the flesh warring against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

THE VICTORY AND REWARD.—The secret of victory is revealed in the opening words of our text. The declaration that the "flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh," is preceded by the wise admonition to "Walk in the Spirit," followed by the blessed assurance that if we do, we "shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." The Soul is to look to the Spirit for leadership, instead of Self. One of the essentials to a victorious army is the wise general who knows how to lead his army so as to avoid all the ambushes and pitfalls of the enemy, and to select the vantage ground from which to give battle. The Spirit will lead unerringly. He knows the pitfalls, the dangers which lurk on every hand, and it is only as the Christian seeks to walk in the Spirit that he can hope to escape disaster and defeat. The victory is more than half won when we are marching obediently by the side of our Saviour. When we go our own way, when temptation leads us into the byways of sinful desire, then are we almost sure to fall before the enemy. We become an easy prey to the desires of the flesh. Self has his way, and the Soul is brought into subjection. But ours may be victory, if we will "walk in the Spirit," if we "through the Spirit will mortify the deeds of the body." And the reward is worth the conflict. The seven-fold reward may be ours as promised in the second and third chapters of Revelation, ending in the grand climax: "He that overcometh I will give to him to sit down with Me in My throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with My Father in His Throne."

STRONG MAN UNDEVELOPED

Extraordinary Case Exciting Interest and Amazement Among London Physicians.
London physicians are interested in a singular case of a man who possesses extraordinary strength, yet has no muscular development. The man, a German, Herr Georg Lett, is only five feet in height and weighs but 140 pounds, but he can lift something like 25 times his own weight.

The world's record lift is 1,100 pounds, yet Herr Lett lifted an anchor weighing 850 pounds, with four men standing on it, thus exceeding the record by about 450 pounds. He can pull backward a 16-horse power motor car running at a speed of 35 miles per hour, and, standing between two eight-horse power cars placed back to back, he holds them together by sheer strength of finger tips when their engines are working at full speed.



ACQUESCENCE.

Thou knowest I would serve Thee, Lord, And in deep silence wait for Thee, To learn the mystery of Thy word That leads from sin, from death sets free.

For Thou dost fill me with Thy love, No help denied, no fond hope vain, When I Thy wisdom fain would know, Thy light resplendent maketh plain.

Unto my soul's expectant call, Unto my faith, on prayerful wing, Thine Omnipresent voice of truth, The living waters ever bring.

Thou heedest all my heart's desires, With promise of divine day, Thou turnest earth's dark hours away, And folding me within Thine care,

Then teach Thou me to know Thy will, Unfaltering let me seek Thy face, For in Thy sight is strength renewed—Thy love crowns with immortal grace—Clara Elizabeth Choate, in Boston Budget.

KILLED BY THE LIFE LINE.

An Accident Which Illustrates How Good Intentions Being Tragic Failure.

Good intentions are sometimes a tragic failure when they are not directed by knowledge. Two life guards at Atlantic City last week sprang into the surf after a drowning man. They carried with them a life line. The Philadelphia Press says of what occurred: "Then overboard and frantic haste took possession of the frenzied crowd on the shore and the life line was pulled and hauled. Suddenly it caught around the throat and shoulders of the unfortunate guard. Too late the boat was turned toward him and the bruised and choked body lifted and taken to the sands." The drowning bather's life was saved; the life guard's life was sacrificed by the blind folly of a well-meaning crowd. Yet people say with complacency: "Well, I did the best I knew how," as though that were sufficient excuse for any result. The best we know how is never enough while there is any better that we might know. The parent or Sunday school teacher who handles the life line in class or home in blind ignorance of certain principles of child nature which she can and ought to know, is not insured by her love and good intentions against working tragic injury upon the loved one. To know what is best is a supreme duty in life saving.—S. S. Times.

THE TEST OF FAITH.

A Parable Which Illustrates the Quality of the True and False Faith.

A woman once set out upon her life's journey with a guide and companion whom she called Faith. And all went well until Pain appeared. Then Faith was blanched and weak with terror. And the long, slim lash of Pain descended upon it again and yet again, till in agonizing despair the woman saw that Faith was dead. Alone she went her way. But it was very hard, and all unknown to her. "Oh," she cried, "if I had Faith again to guide me and bear my company!" And there came to her a new Faith, nobler, more beautiful than the first. And she taught her many things. Then Pain came again, with his long, cruel lash. But Faith was brave. The hiss of the lash did not terrify, the sting did not weaken her. She seemed, indeed, to grow stronger, until she turned and slew Pain, leaving him by the wayside. The woman was filled with wonder. "O Faith," she said, "glad, wise and brave Faith, you have taught me many things. Tell me, why that other Faith cringed and died under Pain's persecution, while you have but grown stronger?" And Faith answered: "The Faith that died under the lash of Pain never was Faith at all."—Ram's Horn.

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

A Sermonette on the Prayer of the Disciples to Their Lord and Master.

And the apostle said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.—St. Luke 17:5. Probably one of the most important prayers the apostles of our Lord ever uttered to Him when He was in person on the earth, was, "Lord, increase our faith."

There is nothing we and all His followers can more properly desire while we are in this world than an increase of faith.

To believe is the great first thing required in order to reach a place in His kingdom and family as a citizen and heir.

To believe is to have faith, and faith is a requirement in acceptable prayer. Faith is the peculiar remedy in trouble. It is the instrument ordained to promote spirituality of mind, devotion to our Lord's service, hope of blessedness, support in Christian labors and holiness. Faith runs through all the Christian life; it is the golden thread that ties us to the Saviour and to duty.—Sophie L. Schenck, in Christian Work.

Christ's Use of Little Things.

Christ never despised little things. The poor widow's coppers were estimated by Him as worth more than many large offerings of rich men. "She hath cast in more than they all." Her two mites were not worth much to Caesar or to Caiaphas, but Christ had need of them. The emperor could afford to reward the man that added a new province to the empire. The king of kings does not fail to reward him who gives a cup of cold water. Moreover, He made conquests with His "little ones" that Caesar could not make with his legions. What He did He does. The log church built by the mountaineers may witness a greater work than a temple that is the pride and boast of a city. The shepherd led with only a sling was more than a match for the enemy who had terrified all Israel. He trusted himself in God's hands, and God used him.

The paint of pride is not the same as the robe of righteousness.

FULLNESS OF GOD'S LOVE.

What It Is and How the Christian May Come to a Realization of It.

Can we be content with a superficial view of the fullness of God's love in Christ? Paul said that he did not apprehend all for which God had apprehended him. He, therefore, pressed on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The soul which is rooted and grounded in the love of God is made wise to apprehend the wonders of the love of God. Its breadth embraces all the races and kindreds and peoples of mankind; graciously forbearing all the human wisdom in comparative religion; gentle with all the vanities of human philosophy; spanning the necessities of this sinful world with the desire of the cross and the merciful privilege of repentance. The length of God's love fills all eternity; it is the abiding refuge of poor and needy ones from generation to generation; unchangeable, the same yesterday, today, and forever; with no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. God's love is wondrous deep, so that the Gospel poet cried out:

O the depth of the riches, Both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God; How unsearchable are His judgments, And His ways past finding out!

God's love is the mirror of Himself, reaching down into the pit of sin, finding the depths of human misery, dispelling the darkness of human unbelief, and casting out our fear. Christ has shown us this depth of God's love. He condescended to our low estate; He left the excellent glory which He had with the Father before the world was; He humbled Himself amid the heartless humanity; He experienced sorrows and acquaintance with griefs; He endured the contradictions of enemies; He suffered the travail of shame and death; He trod the winepress alone, even forsaken for a moment by His Father; but He purchased redemption for us through His vicarious death at Calvary. Never until we reach our home in glory shall we be able to scale the heights of the love of God. His love surpasses purity; it is stronger than death; it is supreme in power; it is extraordinary in dispensation; it is infinitely able to elevate the sinner to pardon and peace, to sonship and heirship, into the power of the life that is endless because Christ the Saviour is without end!

Christian experience is the fruitful branch of the soul-tree. The entrancing harmonies of Mozart are beyond the hearing of the deaf. The glories of a beautiful garden are beyond the sight of the blind. So must the love of Christ be beyond the spiritual hearing and seeing of the un-Christian soul, says Arthur S. Burrows, in Chicago Standard. The cross is upheld, but the soul blinded by the god of this world cannot see anything in Calvary. The Word of God is read, but the worldly beclouded mind of the sinner unsaved cannot hear the sweet promise of salvation. But the eyes of the blind are opened by the Spirit of God; the ears of the deaf are unstopped by the Spirit of God. The entrance of the Word of God into the soul gives light; the formerly blinded sinner sees the manifestation of God in Christ Jesus, and spiritual hearing awakens to the beautiful song of redemption until the life becomes a hymn of praise. God loves us to the end. God exchanges moral poverty with spiritual riches. God rewards our humility with exaltation. Under the covert of His wings, our weakness becomes almighty strength. The tree that is well rooted and grounded bears from its shoulders luxuriant and myriad-numbered leaves; its fullness is proved by its foliage. The Christian soul-tree has such spiritual fullness. The fullness of God fills the life, and the foliage is shelter to a weary brother, and beauty to a nerve-worn traveler. God made His common tree complete. God makes His Christian complete in Christ. Prayer becomes power. Faith becomes fortitude. Trust becomes contentment. Joy is unconfined. Spiritual digestion is unimpaired. Soul health is wealth. The Bible is the picture of eternal life. Hope anchors the soul to the everlasting God. His arm beneath the Christian wayfarer means the wayfarer's perseverance.

God takes the plain things of this world and makes them glorious through His power. He summons from the ordinary soil the matchless green grass; He fills the thirst of the flower petal; He transforms the blossom into luscious fruit; He changes the rough carbon into the brilliant diamond; He makes the raw metal live with electric life. Since He does such things with the inanimate, how much more will He do things of loving kindness and tender mercies with His willing children. Shall not we all seek His saving grace, that we may become such willing children as will grow up into Him in all things? After the clouds have passed, and the storm has ceased, then will God who has loved and led us all the earthly way, transplant us into paradise.

BLAZE OF THE RAM'S HORN.

Faith fills up the promises before they are fulfilled.

Preparation is the best prayer for consecration.

People who remember malice easily forget mercy.

Truth is never worth much where it costs but little.

The chronic kicker is the first to go lame in the race.

He wears the devil's yoke who thinks that sin is a joke.

Heavenly activity is fruitless without heavenly attributes.

The Love of Nature.

What a holy thing it is, this nature-love, what a pure, sweet, religious thing! You cannot put it into a creed, or even into a psalm; but it lifts you, somehow, until you feel that you are very near to God, and near to the heart of that which gives joy to immortal beings. I believe we shall never know, until it is revealed to us in the other life, how much the birds—the innocent, pure singers of the air—have done to lift humanity above its baser instinct and make men more worthy to be called the sons of God.—James Euckman.

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Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 13, 1904

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GOLDEN TEXT.—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."—Luke 4:8.

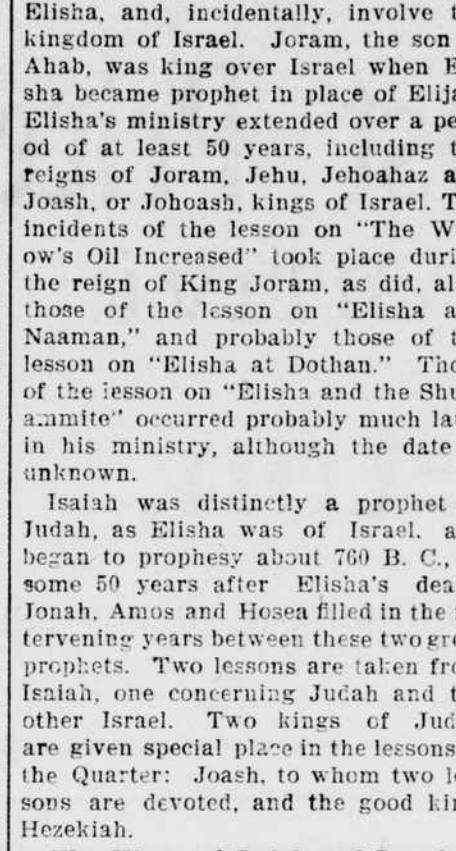
The Period of Time.
The lessons of the fourth quarter have carried us over about 175 years of the history of Judah and Israel, from 836 to 721 B. C. Years that are strikingly marked by light and shadow, by the revelation of God through His prophets and the persistent and rapid decline of the kingdom of Israel. It was only about 133 years after Israel's removal that Nebuchadnezzar laid Jerusalem waste and carried her inhabitants captive to Babylon.

The Kings and Prophets.
The two prophets, Elisha and Isaiah, figure largely in the lessons of the past quarter. The first five are devoted to Elisha, and, incidentally, involve the kingdom of Israel. Joram, the son of Ahab, was king over Israel when Elisha became prophet in place of Elijah. Elisha's ministry extended over a period of at least 50 years, including the reigns of Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz and Joash, or Jehoash, kings of Israel. The incidents of the lesson on "The Widow's Oil Increased" took place during the reign of King Joram, as did, also, those of the lesson on "Elisha and Naaman," and probably those of the lesson on "Elisha and the Shunammite" occurred probably much later in his ministry, although the date is unknown.

Isaiah was distinctly a prophet of Judah, as Elisha was of Israel, and began to prophesy about 760 B. C., or some 50 years after Elisha's death. Jonah, Amos and Hosea filled in the intervening years between these two great prophets. Two lessons are taken from Isaiah, one concerning Judah and the other Israel. Two kings of Judah are given special place in the lessons of the quarter: Joash, to whom two lessons are devoted, and the good king, Hezekiah.

The Kings of Judah and Israel.

The following diagram is a continuation of the one given in the last Quarterly Review. The length of the reigns of the kings is given in parentheses following the names of the kings:



Review Methods.

There can be little continuity in the treatment of the lessons of the Quarter save in the case of the first five which concern the history of Elisha. A review which would not include a character study of this great prophet would certainly be defective. A comparison of the characters, methods and distinctive services of the two prophets, Elisha and Isaiah, would be interesting and profitable. Let some one prepare such a paper to read to the school.

For a blackboard exercise let the strong and weak points of the characters of the two prophets be enumerated by the school and placed upon the board.

The prophet, Isaiah, who gives us two of our lessons, should also be given special study. Some one should be selected to prepare a brief paper on the life, character and ministry of this prophet.

Inasmuch as the history of Israel closes with this Quarter's lessons a brief but comprehensive outline study of this kingdom should be traced in such a way as to bring out strikingly the relation of cause and effect; the beginning and the development of the moral and spiritual decline and final destruction.

The lessons on Jonah and Hezekiah may be used to point the contrast between the moral and spiritual condition of the two kingdoms and to explain the reason why Israel was destroyed and Judah continued.

The geography of the lessons should not be neglected. As preliminary to the review work in class, or general for all the school, let an outline map of the country be drawn on paper or the blackboard and then mark in the places, and probable places, met with in the lessons as they are named by the scholars.

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." "Worship . . . serve the Lord!" Worship involves the attitude of the heart towards God; service the expression of the life. Worship is the heart's storage battery. Service is the dynamo, set in motion by the power within. Worship alone is sentiment and feeling without result, like escaping steam with idle engine and waiting train. Worship plus service gives the total of God's requirements of man. The elements of true worship are faith, submission, aspiration; those of true service are willing obedience and unwavering faithfulness.

Copenhagen has lost its most prolific novelist by the death of Louis De Moulin. He used to write half a dozen stories at once. Many of them were printed in the Danish Review, and he is said to have been bound by contract to furnish at least five murders in each story.

The greatest living authority on the aborigines of Australia is W. Howitt. He has sailed from Melbourne for London to see through the press an elaborate work embodying the results of all his recent researches in aboriginal ethnology.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

It takes mail at least seven days to go from Chicago to London.
San Francisco is thinking of having a world's fair on the completion of the Panama canal.

The skeletons of four men who mysteriously disappeared there, between two days, 20 years ago, have been discovered in an old water hole near Quartzite, Ariz. They were on their way to California and no doubt were murdered for their money.

Eastern capitalists have bought three of the heaviest timbered canyons in the Rockies near Colorado Springs, Col., with the purpose of making a great game preserve. More than 300 head of elk have already been purchased. It is reported that the principal stock will be elk, deer and antelope.

A curious effect of the war in the far east is the migration of sharks to European waters. The submarine explosions are supposed to have frightened the creatures, which have passed through the Suez canal, and have been making havoc among the fishes of the Adriatic. Invasion of the Black sea even has been feared.

The forestry department of the United States government has three expert men in the field at Colorado Springs, Col. Close to the city they have established nurseries and they have collected and planted the seeds which with growth will replace the fallen and burned timber on Pike's Peak and the adjacent range of the Rockies. The work may cover a period of 20 years, and it is estimated the expenditure will approximate \$2,500,000.

Mexico is credited with being at the head of the Latin-American countries in the matter of letters. Besides possessing the oldest organs of Spanish-American journalism, it is said to have in active existence the first library established in America, which is now at least 300 years old. In Chili, Argentina and Peru there are papers that have been published for 50 years and more. One is the El Comercio, of Lima, which has had a career of 60 years of uninterrupted daily issue.

FOREIGN CELEBRITIES.

Alfred De Rothschilds, one of the famous banking family, has a private circus at his country seat, Halton House, England. The ring, about 100 yards in diameter, is surrounded by trees.

Eminent German professors are becoming proverbial for their longevity. The latest to celebrate his seventieth birthday is Ewald Hering, of the German university at Prague. Like Helmholtz, Brücke, Dubois, Fechner and others, he has done original work in several branches of science, but perhaps his most important discoveries relate to the physiology of memory.

On Lord Kitchener's recent tour in the interior of the Simla hills he received an address of welcome from the rajah of Bashahr, who assured him that "the songs of your excellency's staid glory, of the sincere, impartial and the honest acts of the late Transvaal war (which are the real ornaments of the honorable officers of your excellency's position), are cheerfully sung by the heavenly nymphs in Paradise."

William Evans, formerly protector of Chinese in the Straits Settlements, who was induced by the British government to go to South Africa to superintend the arrangements connected with the importation and the housing of the Chinese in South Africa, has refused to remain there. He said he would never consent to be a slave driver, and that the conditions under which the Chinese worked in South Africa were indescribable.

The late Sir William Vernon Harcourt, though an ardent fighter, was one of the most forgiving and kind-hearted men. On one occasion, years ago, T. P. O'Connor asked him in the house of commons regarding the size of cells in convict prisons. Sir William gave the desired information with such exactness as to suggest a laugh in the house, but cheers followed when the head of the home office quietly explained that he had considered it his duty to visit several such cells, so as to know by personal knowledge how the unfortunate beings who were condemned to dwell there were accustomed to fare.

The Blindness of Love.
"My fiance is so different from other men."
"Of course he is, since he proposed to you."—Kansas City Star.

COMPLETELY CURED.

Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand Ave., Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply insupportable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes. Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieving the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties."

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Strategy.

"Why is the Russian commander drilling his men to march backward?" asked the astonished war correspondent. "Has he lost his mind?"
"Oh, no," replied the spy. "That is to keep the world from thinking they were running away when they get shot while retreating."—Chicago Daily News.

TORTURING, DISFIGURING

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"I think," said the office-seeker, "that my work during the campaign should entitle me to the office." "What did you do?" asked the political boss. "I 'alke spoke' on a dozen or more different occasions."—Philadelphia Press.

Guaranteed Mining Investments.

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The United States has granted 3,500 patents to women, but as yet there is no device for keeping a hat on straight.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Peruna Almanac in 8,000,000 Homes.

The Peruna Lucky Day Almanac has become a fixture in over eight million homes. It can be obtained from all druggists free. Be sure to inquire early. The 1905 Almanac is already published, and the supply will soon be exhausted. Do not put it off. Get one today.

The still small voice of conscience is sometimes so irritating that one is tempted to retort that talk is cheap.—Puck.

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